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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AT PRAGA RESTAURANT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FEDOSEYEV, SEPT. 5, MYSHKOV TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ASPECTS OF ADVANCE PARTY WITH PORTER:

- MYSHKOV SAID HE EXPECTED TO ASSIST DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS, BUT WOULD ENGAGE IN NO "CONSULAR ACTIVITIES," ALTHOUGH HE WOULD ACT AS "LIAISON" BETWEEN LOCAL OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY IN PROTECTION OR INCIDENT CASES. PORTER TOLD MYSHKOV THAT WORK WITH RECONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS WOULD PROBABLY INVOLVE 90 PERCENT TIME OF US ADVANCE GROUP, BUT HE EXPECTED SIMILAR DELEGATION AND "LIAISON" WORK.

- PORTER ALSO MENTIONED EXPECTATION THAT US SHIPS IN ODESSA, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD RESULT IN TRAVEL THERE. MYSHKOV QUICKLY RESPONDED HE HOPED TO TRAVEL ALSO.

- MYSHKOV QUERIED PORTER AT LENGTH ON WHOM HE HAD MET IN KIEV. LATER HE MODESTLY NOTED HE HAD BEEN PRESENT (WITH DOBRYNIN) ON USS FORRESTAL IN NY HARBOR JULY 4 AND HAD ATTENDED DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION*

- ASKED BY MYSHKOV IS HE FAVORED "SOVIET POSITION"

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ON ADVANCE PARTIES, PORTER SAID HE SUPPORTED STATE

POSITION WHICH HE EXPECTED WOULD BE TRANSMITTED SOVS SHORTLY. PORTER ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT SOVS WOULD NOT HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE IN NY AS THEY MIGHT WANT. MYSHKOV COMMENTED ONLY THAT THAT WAS "TOO BAD."

- MYSHKOV SAID HE HAD VACATIONED AT YALTA AND HAD NOT VISITED KIEV. HOWEVER, HE TRIED TO GIVE IMPRESSION HE HAD BEEN ACTIVELY IN TOUCH WITH KIEV OFFICIALS BY PHONE AND LETTER. HE WAS UNAWARE, HOWEVER, THAT NO RESIDENTS HAD YET BEEN MOVED OUT OF STRELETSKAYA OR THAT FLORENTSIYA APARTMENTS WERE BEING PROMISED ONLY BY NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS.

- PORTER, RESPONDING TO MYSHKOV QUERY ON HIS "LONGEST STAY" IN KIEV, TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THAT HIS ROUTINE THREE AND FOUR DAY TRIPS WERE INTENDED TO EXEMPLIFY LACK OF AGREEMENT ON ADVANCE PARTIES.

- PORTER STRESSED HE HOPED AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED QUICKLY ON ADVANCE PARTIES, WHICH WOULD BE TO ADVANTAGE OF BOTH SIDES.

2. AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE IF SOMEONE COULD CALL MRS. HARRISON BRAND (TELEPHONE: 229-7590) AND ADVISE HER THAT STOESELS ARE LEAVING MOSCOW DEFINITELY SEPTEMBER 13 AND HOPE TO SEE THEM IN WASHINGTON. WITH REGARD TO THEIR PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW IN NOVEMBER, AMBASSADOR NOTES THAT SUGGESTED DATES WOULD NOT BE THE MOST PREFERABLE, SINCE TICKETS FOR CULTURAL EVENTS USUALLY ARE HARD TO OBTAIN AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF NOVEMBER 7 HOLIDAY AND ASSOCIATED CEREMONIES.

3. ON RL MONITORING, OUR PROBLEM IS HOW ONE CAN MONITOR SAFELY AND INCIDENT-FREE OUTSIDE CITIES OTHER THAN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD WHERE WE HAVE DACHAS. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT WE WILL HAVE MAJOR PROBLEMS IF A PROFESSIONAL MONITOR SETS UP HIS EQUIPMENT IN A PARK OR BESIDE THE ROAD. WE HAD ASSUMED THAT THE TRIP TO KIEV COULD INCLUDE A TRIP TO SOME OTHER UKRAINIAN CITIES IN AN EMBASSY VEHICLE, BUT THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO MONITOR DISCREETLY WHEN YOU HAVE A TAIL HAS NOT BEEN SOLVED. CAN THE MONITOR LISTEN IN THE CAR
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WHILE IT IS MOVING? IF SO, THIS MIGHT PROVIDE THE ANSWER. THE UKRAINE IS OF COURSE NON-RUSSIAN AREA (PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE) SO THE CURRENT ITINERARY DOES INDEED INCLUDE A "NATIONALITY AREA." ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO DRIVE FROM LENINGRAD TO TALLINN, BUT THE ENTIRE HIGHWAY IS IN A CLOSED AREA, SO MONITORING OUTSIDE CITY CENTERS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS IT CAN BE DONE FROM THE MOVING CAR. UNLESS WE HAVE TIME TO SEND EMBASSY CAR

TO CAUCASUS (ABOUT SIX DAYS EACH WAY DRIVING), WE DON'T SEE HOW ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE THERE EXCEPT IN HOTELS, AND THAT IS BOUND TO PROVE NOTHING MORE THAN THAT RL SIGNAL IS JAMMED IN MAJOR CITIES.

4. ONE POSSIBLE LONG-RUN SOLUTION WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING: IF WE COULD BE SUPPLIED WITH THREE GOOD AUTOMOBILE RADIOS WITH SHORT WAVE BANDS, THESE COULD BE INSTALLED IN EMBASSY AND CONGEN CARS AND USED BY OFFICERS WHILE DRIVING OUTSIDE MOSCOW (LENINGRAD, KIEV). IF DESIRED, CASSETTE RECORDER-PLAYBACK UNITS COULD ALSO BE SUPPLIED -- THE SORT USED FOR MUSIC, BUT WITH A CONNECTION TO THE RADIO TO PERMIT RECORDING FROM THE RADIO. THIS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MONITOR WHILE MOVING, RECORD AUDIBLE SIGNALS, AND ALSO TO RECORD DISCREETLY WHEN STOPPED OUTSIDE TOWN, (VOLUME ON RADIO COULD BE TURNED DOWN AND CASSETTE TAPE MADE ON SIGNAL.) WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE FEASIBLE IF DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS SUPPLIED REGARDING THE SORT OF MONITORING DESIRED SO THAT LAYMENT COULD DO IT WHILE ON TRIPS. IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO GET AND INSTALL EQUIPMENT HOWEVER, AND PROBABLY COULD NOT BE ORGANIZED IN TIME TO SUPPORT NSSM EXERCISE.

5. AS FOR AUDIBILITY OF RL OUTSIDE CITIES, WE HAVE RATHER OVERWHELMING INDIRECT EVIDENCE THAT IT CAN BE HEARD. LATEST WAS REPORTED IN MOSCOW 13712.

6. ON CONTENT OF NATIONALITY BROADCASTS, WE AGREE THAT BETTER CONTROLS ARE DESIRABLE. THIS PRESUMABLY IS NOT RELATED TO MONITORING QUESTION, HOWEVER, SINCE CONTENT REVIEW CAN BE DONE WITHOUT MONITORING HERE. STOESEL

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